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# **WARRANT FOR ANNUAL TOWN MEETING ELECTION**

**Saturday, April 6, 2024**



**ANNUAL TOWN MEETING  
Wednesday, April 24, 2024**

**TOWN OF ARLINGTON**

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**TOWN WARRANT**  
**THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS**  
Middlesex, ss.

To the Constables of the Town of Arlington, in said County:

**GREETINGS:**

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Arlington qualified to vote in elections, to meet at the polling places designated for the several Precincts in said Town on

**SATURDAY**  
**THE SIXTH DAY OF APRIL 2024**

at eight o'clock in the forenoon, to act on the following articles, namely:

**ARTICLE 1 TO ELECT BY BALLOT:**

- A) One Assessor for three years**
- B) Two Select Board Members for three years**
- C) Two School Committee Members for three years**
- D) One Housing Authority Board Member for five years**

Also, in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 43A of the General Laws, the number of Town Meeting Members hereinafter specified:

<b>PRECINCT 1 -</b>	<b>Four for three years;</b>
<b>PRECINCT 2 -</b>	<b>Four for three years;</b>
<b>PRECINCT 3 -</b>	<b>Four for three years;</b>
<b>PRECINCT 4 -</b>	<b>Four for three years;</b>
<b>PRECINCT 5 -</b>	<b>Four for three years;</b>
<b>PRECINCT 6 -</b>	<b>Four for three years; Two for two years (to fill a vacancy); One for one year (to fill a vacancy);</b>
<b>PRECINCT 7 -</b>	<b>Four for three years;</b>
<b>PRECINCT 8 -</b>	<b>Four for three years; One for two years (to fill a vacancy);</b>
<b>PRECINCT 9 -</b>	<b>Four for three years;</b>
<b>PRECINCT 10 -</b>	<b>Four for three years; One for two years (to fill a vacancy);</b>
<b>PRECINCT 11 -</b>	<b>Four for three years;</b>
<b>PRECINCT 12 -</b>	<b>Four for three years;</b>
<b>PRECINCT 13 -</b>	<b>Four for three years;</b>
<b>PRECINCT 14 -</b>	<b>Four for three years;</b>
<b>PRECINCT 15 -</b>	<b>Four for three years;</b>
<b>PRECINCT 16 -</b>	<b>Four for three years;</b>
<b>PRECINCT 17 -</b>	<b>Four for three years;</b>
<b>PRECINCT 18 -</b>	<b>Four for three years;</b>
<b>PRECINCT 19 -</b>	<b>Four for three years;</b>
<b>PRECINCT 20 -</b>	<b>Four for three years; One for two years (to fill a vacancy);</b>
<b>PRECINCT 21 -</b>	<b>Four for three years: One for one year (to fill a vacancy).</b>

For these purposes, the polls will be opened at eight o'clock A.M. and remain open until eight o'clock P.M., at each of the polling places designated, viz.:

Precinct 1	Thompson School, 187 Everett Street
Precinct 2	Hardy School, 52 Lake Street (entrance on Brooks Avenue)
Precinct 3	Thompson School, 187 Everett Street
Precinct 4	Hardy School, 52 Lake Street (entrance on Brooks Avenue)
Precinct 5	Gibbs School, 41 Foster Street
Precinct 6	Hardy School, 52 Lake Street (entrance on Brooks Avenue)
Precinct 7	Gibbs School, 41 Foster Street
Precinct 8	Town Hall, 730 Massachusetts Avenue (beside Robbins Library)
Precinct 9	Town Hall, 730 Massachusetts Avenue (beside Robbins Library)
Precinct 10	Town Hall, 730 Massachusetts Avenue (beside Robbins Library)
Precinct 11	Bishop School, 25 Columbia Road (entrance on Stowecroft Road)
Precinct 12	Brackett School, 66 Eastern Avenue (Left at Water Tower at top of Park Avenue)
Precinct 13	Stratton School, 180 Mountain Avenue
Precinct 14	Brackett School, 66 Eastern Avenue (Left at Water Tower at top of Park Avenue)
Precinct 15	Stratton School, 180 Mountain Avenue
Precinct 16	Dallin School, 185 Florence Avenue (off Park Avenue)
Precinct 17	Peirce School, 85 Park Ave. Extension (entrance on Newland Road)
Precinct 18	Dallin School, 185 Florence Avenue (off Park Avenue)
Precinct 19	Peirce School, 85 Park Ave. Extension (entrance on Newland Road)
Precinct 20	Dallin School, 185 Florence Avenue (off Park Avenue)
Precinct 21	Peirce School, 85 Park Ave. Extension (entrance on Newland Road)

You are also required to notify and warn the said inhabitants to meet at the Town Hall in said Town on Wednesday the 24th day of April 2024, at eight o'clock in the evening, at which time and place the following articles are to be acted upon and determined exclusively by Town Meeting Members, in accordance with and subject to the referenda provided for by Chapter 43A of the General Laws. The location of Town Meeting is subject to change if conditions so require. For more information visit <https://www.arlingtonma.gov/townmeeting>

## **ARTICLE 2 STATE OF THE TOWN ADDRESS**

To hear the Chair of the Select Board review important events in the past year in Arlington and preview expectations for next year.

(Inserted at the request of Envision Arlington)

## **ARTICLE 3 REPORTS OF COMMITTEES**

To receive, hear, and act upon the reports of the Select Board, Finance Committee, Redevelopment Board, School Committee and other committees, commissions, and boards heretofore appointed, or dissolve any inactive committees; and take any action related thereto.

(Inserted at the request of the Town Moderator)

## **ARTICLE 4 APPOINTMENT OF MEASURER OF WOOD AND BARK**

To choose and appoint all the usual Town Officers not hereinbefore mentioned, in such a manner as the Town may determine; or take any action related thereto.

(Inserted by the Select Board)

## **ARTICLE 5 ELECTION OF ASSISTANT TOWN MODERATOR**

To elect a Town Meeting Member as Assistant Moderator for a term of one year, as provided in Title I, Article 1, Section 11.A, of the Bylaws; or take any action related thereto.

(Inserted at the request of the Town Moderator)

**ARTICLE 6                      BYLAW AMENDMENT / VACANT STORE FRONT MAINTENANCE  
REGISTRY**

To see if the Town will vote to amend Title V, Article 17 of the Town Bylaws ("Registration and Maintenance of Vacant Commercial and Industrial Buildings") to change certain definitions, registration requirements and maintenance requirements to increase the Bylaw's effectiveness and clarity; or take any action related thereto.

(Inserted at the request of the Director of Planning and Community  
Development and the Town Manager)

**ARTICLE 7                      BYLAW AMENDMENT / BETTERMENT BYLAW REVISION**

To see if the Town will vote to amend Title III Article 3 of the Town Bylaws: Repairs to Private Ways to revise the criteria, process, and other material terms for the approval and administration of repairs to private ways, including revising the number or percentage of abutters required for a betterment petition when representing an association, and increasing the required deposit before work can commence; or take any action related thereto.

(Inserted at the request of the Town Manager)

**ARTICLE 8                      BYLAW AMENDMENT / REVISED TOWN MEETING START TIME**

To see if the Town will vote to amend the Town Bylaws to: begin future Town Meetings at 7:30 pm and continue until 10:30 pm; to commence Spring Town Meeting on the 4<sup>th</sup> Monday in April, except when determined to conflict with a holiday or special event, at the discretion of the Select Board; or take any action related thereto.

(Inserted at the request of Phil Goff and ten registered voters)

**ARTICLE 9                      BYLAW AMENDMENT / START TIME FOR ANNUAL TOWN MEETING**

To see if the Town will vote to amend Title 1 "General Government" in Article 1, Section 1 of the Bylaws of the Town of Arlington ("Date of Annual Meeting and Adjournment") by striking in the last sentence "at eight o'clock in the evening" and inserting "seven thirty in the evening."

(Inserted at the request of Christa Kelleher and ten registered voters)

**ARTICLE 10                      BYLAW AMENDMENT / ANNUAL TOWN MEETING START DATE**

To see if the Town will vote to amend Title I, Article 1, Section 1 of the Town Bylaws to allow the Select Board to set alternative dates and times for the beginning of the Annual Town Meeting; or take any action related thereto.

(Inserted at the request of the Town Meeting Procedures Committee)

**ARTICLE 11                      BYLAW AMENDMENT / FOSSIL FUEL FREE BYLAW LANGUAGE  
CHANGES**

To see if the Town will vote to amend Title VI, Article 10 of the Town Bylaws by altering certain definitions and provisions so that they are more consistent with the Massachusetts Department of Energy Resources' Fossil Fuel Free Demonstration Project Model Rule and related language set forth in 225 CMR 24.00 (a copy of which is on file with the Town Clerk); or take any action related thereto.

(Inserted at the request of the Director of Planning and Community  
Development and the Town Manager)

**ARTICLE 12                      BYLAW AMENDMENT / JOHN J. BILAFER ARLINGTON CITIZENS'  
SCHOLARSHIP FUND – DOLLARS FOR SCHOLARS**

To see if the Town will vote to amend Title II, Article 1 of the Town Bylaws – The John J. Bilafer Arlington Citizens' Scholarship Fund – Dollars for Scholars, Section 4 "Scholarship Committee

and Officers” by adding “or their designee” at the end of the first sentence of Section 4; or take any action related thereto.

(Inserted at the request of the Treasurer)

**ARTICLE 13                    BYLAW AMENDMENT / LEAF BLOWER DATES OF TRANSITION**

To see if the Town will vote to amend Title V, Article 12 of the Town Bylaws – Regulations Upon the Use of Private Property: Noise Abatement, to change dates of transition of gas powered leaf blowers to make the dates consistent between residential and commercial users as well as times of operation, Title V, Article 12, Section 3; or take any action related thereto.

(Inserted at the request of the Town Manager)

**ARTICLE 14                    BYLAW AMENDMENT / FOCUSED RESIDENCE PICKETING**

To see if the Town will vote to amend Title I of the Town Bylaws to add a new provision to prohibit and make it unlawful for any person to engage in picketing focused on, or taking place in front of or about, a particular residence in the Town of Arlington; or take any action related thereto.

(Inserted at the request of the Town Manager)

**ARTICLE 15                    BYLAW AMENDMENT / PROHIBITION OF FAIR-TRADE  
RESTRICTIONS - FUR PRODUCTS SALES**

To see if the Town will vote to amend Title I of the Town Bylaws to add a new provision to restrict the trade/sale in/of new fur products by making it unlawful to sell, offer for sale, trade or otherwise distribute for monetary or nonmonetary consideration a fur product; or take any action related thereto.

(Inserted at the request of Elizabeth Dray and ten registered voters)

**ARTICLE 16                    BYLAW AMENDMENT / PET SALE RESTRICTIONS / RETAIL PET  
SALES**

To see if the Town will vote to amend Title I of the Town Bylaws to add a new provision to ban the sale of mammals, birds, reptiles, and amphibians in pet shops within the Town, by making it unlawful; or take any action related thereto.

(Inserted at the request of Asia Kepka and ten registered voters)

**ARTICLE 17                    BYLAW AMENDMENT / RIGHT TO PET COMPANIONSHIP**

To see if the Town will vote to require rental agreements and condominium associations to permit residents to own a common household pet, or to have a common household pet present in the dwelling, in accordance with applicable state and local public health, animal control, and animal anti-cruelty laws and regulations; or take any action related thereto.

(Inserted at the request of Paul Schlichtman and ten registered voters)

**ARTICLE 18                    BYLAW AMENDMENT / HISTORIC BUILDING DEMOLITION DELAY**

To see if the Town will vote to amend Title VI, Article 6 of the Town Bylaws (“Historically or Architecturally Significant Buildings”) to extend the time period during which no demolition permit may be issued relative to a building that has been determined to be historically or architecturally significant by the Arlington Historical Commission from at least twelve months after the date of the application for demolition, to at least two years after the date of an application for demolition; or take any action related thereto.

(Inserted at the request of JoAnn Robinson and ten registered voters)

**ARTICLE 19                    VOTE / EXTEND TIME FOR ARTIFICIAL TURF STUDY COMMITTEE AND REPORT**

To see if the Town will vote to extend the Artificial Turf Study Committee and its report deadline as voted in Article 12 of the 2023 Annual Town Meeting, as follows: Publish a draft report in September, 2024, hold at least one public meeting in October, 2024 for public comment, and publish a final report in November, 2024 with copies to the Select Board, Town Clerk, and Town Moderator; and further, that the Committee shall be dissolved on November 30, 2024 (instead of concurrent with the 2024 Annual Town Meeting); or take any action related thereto.

(Inserted at the request of Susan Stamps and ten registered voters)

**ARTICLE 20                    HOME RULE LEGISLATION / TOWN CLERK**

To see if the Town will vote to authorize and request the Select Board to file Home Rule Legislation to update the Town Manager Act to reflect the transition of the Town Clerk's Office from an elected to appointed position; or take any action related thereto.

(Inserted by the Select Board)

**ARTICLE 21                    HOME RULE LEGISLATION / TO AMEND THE SENIOR CITIZEN PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION**

To see if the Town will vote to authorize and request the Select Board to request the Legislation or Senate and House of Representatives in General Court or other Special Legislation to amend Chapter 285 of the Acts of 2020 "An Act Authorizing the Town of Arlington To Establish A Means Tested Senior Citizen Property Tax Exemption" by inserting the following language at the end of Section 3"; or funded by an appropriation or transfer from existing funds while not exceeding 1 per cent of the municipality's tax levy."; or take any action related thereto.

(Inserted at the request of the Board of Assessors)

**ARTICLE 22                    HOME RULE LEGISLATION / LOWERING THE VOTING AGE TO 16 IN LOCAL ELECTIONS**

To see if the Town will vote to authorize and request the Select Board to file Home Rule Legislation to petition the State Legislature to allow Arlington to lower the voting age from 18 to 16 for municipal elections; or take any action related thereto.

(Inserted at the request of Sophie Shen and ten registered voters)

**ARTICLE 23                    ENDORSEMENT OF CDBG APPLICATION**

To see if the Town will vote to endorse the application for Federal Fiscal Year 2025 prepared by the Town Manager and Select Board under the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 (PL 93-383) as amended; or take any action related thereto.

(Inserted by the Select Board and at the request of the Town Manager)

**ARTICLE 24                    REVOLVING FUNDS**

To see if the Town will vote to reauthorize revolving funds established under various previous votes of the Town, to hear or receive a report concerning the receipts and expenditures of same, to establish new revolving funds, to appropriate sums of money to fund all revolving funds and determine how the money shall be raised or expended; or take any action related thereto.

(Inserted at the request of the Town Manager)

**ARTICLE 25                    ZONING BYLAW AMENDMENT / BUILDING DEFINITIONS**

To see if the Town will vote to amend Section 2: Definitions, in the Zoning Bylaw to amend the definitions of Building, Attached, and Building, Detached, to clear up an ambiguity between those two definitions; or take any action related thereto.

(Inserted at the request of the Redevelopment Board)

**ARTICLE 26                    ZONING BYLAW AMENDMENT / ADMINISTRATIVE CLARIFICATION**

To see if the Town will vote to amend Section 5.4.2.A. R District Yard and Open Space Requirements in the Zoning Bylaw to reference an exception found elsewhere in the Zoning Bylaw; or take any action related thereto.

(Inserted at the request of the Redevelopment Board)

**ARTICLE 27                    ZONING BYLAW AMENDMENT / ADMINISTRATIVE CORRECTION**

To see if the Town will vote to amend Section 5.9.2. Accessory Dwelling Units for clarity to change how subsections are numbered and to remove a subsection that is outdated; or take any action related thereto.

(Inserted at the request of the Redevelopment Board)

**ARTICLE 28                    ZONING BYLAW AMENDMENT / DELETE INLAND WETLAND OVERLAY DISTRICT**

To see if the Town will vote to delete Section 5.8, Inland Wetland Overlay District, from the Zoning Bylaw and adjust the numbering of subsequent sections; or take any action related thereto.

(Inserted at the request of the Redevelopment Board)

**ARTICLE 29                    ZONING BYLAW AMENDMENT / REDUCED HEIGHT BUFFER**

To see if the Town will vote to amend Section 5.3.19. Reduced Height Buffer Area in the Zoning Bylaw to alter the height buffer requirements; or take any action related thereto.

(Inserted at the request of the Redevelopment Board)

**ARTICLE 30                    ZONING BYLAW AMENDMENT / SHADED PARKING LOTS**

To see if the Town will vote to amend Section 6.1.11.D. of the Zoning Bylaw to require that trees or other shade be provided in parking lots with more than 25 spaces; or take any action related thereto.

(Inserted at the request of Susan Stamps and ten registered voters)

**ARTICLE 31                    ZONING BYLAW AMENDMENT / ADD 5-7 WINTER STREET TO THE MBTA NEIGHBORHOOD DISTRICT**

To see if the Town will add the Address of 5-7 Winter St., to the Neighborhood Multi-Family (NMF) Subdistrict Parcel List; or take any action related thereto.

(Inserted at the request of John Leone and ten registered voters)

**ARTICLE 32                    ZONING BYLAW AMENDMENT / TRAFFIC VISIBILITY**

To see if the Town will vote to amend Section 5.3.12(A) of the Town's Zoning Bylaws to permit buildings, structures or vegetation across street corners if it can be shown that they will not restrict visibility in such a way as to hinder the safe transit of a vehicle through the subject intersection; or take any action related thereto.

(Inserted at the request of Caitlin Monaghan and ten registered voters)

**ARTICLE 33                    ZONING BYLAW AMENDMENT / REAR YARD SETBACKS IN BUSINESS DISTRICTS**

To see if the Town will vote to amend the Zoning Bylaw Section 5.5.2 DIMENSIONAL AND DENISTY REGULATIONS to adjust the rear yard setback requirement for uses of four or more stories in Business Districts; or take any action related thereto.

(Inserted at the request of Andrew Greenspon and ten registered voters)



**ARTICLE 34                    ZONING BYLAW AMENDMENT / RESIDENTIAL USES**

To see if the Town will vote to amend Section 5.4 of the Town's Zoning Bylaws by changing the definitions, regulations and requirements of R0 Large Lot Single-Family Districts, R1 Single-Family Districts and R2 Two-Family Districts to permit the expansion of allowable residential uses in these districts, with the goal of diversifying the Town's housing stock; or take any action related thereto.

(Inserted at the request of John Paul Lewicke and ten registered voters)

**ARTICLE 35                    APPROPRIATION / PEG ACCESS BUDGET**

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate or transfer a sum or sums of money for the support of public, educational, and/or governmental ("PEG") access cable television services, said sum or sums to be provided for by the cable franchise agreements and cable licensing fees, detailed in an operational cost, building expenses, and capital expense budget, and expended under the direction of the Town Manager; or take any action related thereto.

(Inserted at the request of the Town Manager)

**ARTICLE 36                    ENDORSEMENT OF PARKING BENEFIT DISTRICT EXPENDITURES**

To see if the Town will vote to endorse the Parking Benefit District operating and capital expenditures for Fiscal Year 2025 prepared by the Town Manager and the Select Board consistent with the Town Bylaws; or take any action related thereto.

(Inserted at the request of the Town Manager)

**ARTICLE 37                    POSITIONS RECLASSIFICATION**

To see if the Town will vote to make additions, deletions and/or modifications to the Classification and Pay Plan, appropriate a sum of money to fund same if necessary, determine how the money will be raised and expended; or take any action related thereto.

(Inserted at the request of the Town Manager and the  
Director of Human Resources)

**ARTICLE 38                    AMENDMENTS TO FY24 BUDGETS**

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate to and/or transfer funds between the FY2024 budget and appropriations and the long-term stabilization fund or other available funds as previously voted upon by the 2023 Annual Town Meeting; or take any action related thereto.

(Inserted at the request of the Town Manager)

**ARTICLE 39                    APPROPRIATION / TOWN BUDGETS**

To see if the Town will vote to make appropriations to defray Town obligations, liabilities, outlay and expenses and especially for or relating to all or any of the boards, departments, purposes and matters hereinafter mentioned, and to provide for the disposal of motor vehicles and other personal property belonging to the Town, determine how the money shall be raised and expended; or take any action related thereto: Finance Committee, Select Board, Town Manager, Human Resources, Comptroller, Information Technology, Town Treasurer and Collector of Taxes, Assessors, Legal and Workers' Compensation, Town Clerk, Registrars, Planning and Community Development, Redevelopment Board, Parking, Zoning Board of Appeals, Public Works, Facilities, Cemeteries, Community Safety, School Department, Libraries, Human Services, Insurance, Non-Contributory Pensions, Contributory Pensions, Elections, Town Debt and Interest, Reserve Fund, and/or any other Town Departments, Boards, Commissions or Committees, Water and Sewer Enterprise Fund, Recreation Enterprise Fund, Council on Aging Transportation Enterprise Fund, Veterans' Memorial Rink Enterprise Fund, and Youth Services Enterprise Fund.

(Inserted by the Select Board and at the request of the Town Manager)

**ARTICLE 40                      CAPITAL BUDGET**

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate a sum of money to defray the expense of purchasing, leasing, or bonding of capital equipment, infrastructure, buildings or other projects of the Town or to acquire real property for municipal purposes; to appropriate a sum of money to fund previously incurred or future Town debt, to acquire land for said projects where necessary by purchase, eminent domain taking or otherwise, determine how the money shall be raised including the possibility of borrowing any or all of the same, or the transfer of funds from any previous appropriation, determine how such money shall be expended; or take any action related thereto.

(Inserted by the Select Board, and at the request of the Town Manager  
and the Capital Planning Committee)

**ARTICLE 41                      RESCIND PRIOR BORROWING AUTHORIZATIONS**

To see if the Town will vote to rescind the authority to borrow, from prior years authorizations, the amounts remaining with regard to any numbered prior Annual and/or Special Town Meeting Warrant Articles; or take any action related thereto.

(Inserted at the request of the Town Treasurer)

**ARTICLE 42                      APPROPRIATION / TRANSPORTATION INFRASTRUCTURE FUND**

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate a sum of money received by the Town from the Commonwealth Transportation Infrastructure Fund to address the impact of transportation network services on municipal roads, bridges and other transportation infrastructure or any other public purpose substantially related to the operation of transportation network services in the Town including, but not limited to, the Complete Streets Program, accepted by Town Meeting on May 4, 2015, established in Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 90I, Section 1 and other programs that support alternative modes of transportation; or take any action related thereto.

(Inserted at the request of the Town Manager)

**ARTICLE 43                      APPROPRIATION / FINANCING OF CONSTRUCTION OR  
RECONSTRUCTION OF SEWERS AND SEWERAGE FACILITIES**

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate a sum of money for the purpose of financing the construction or reconstruction of sewers and sewerage facilities for inflow/infiltration reduction or system rehabilitation, including costs incidental and related thereto, and to determine how the appropriation shall be raised or expended, including the possibility of borrowing all or some of same; or take any action related thereto.

(Inserted at the request of the Town Manager and the Director of Public Works)

**ARTICLE 44                      APPROPRIATION / FINANCING OF CONSTRUCTION OR  
RECONSTRUCTION OF WATER MAINS AND WATER FACILITIES**

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate a sum of money for the purpose of financing the construction or reconstruction of water mains and water facilities, including costs incidental and related thereto, and to determine how the appropriation shall be raised and expended, including the possibility of borrowing all or some of same; or take any action related thereto.

(Inserted at the request of the Town Manager and the Director of Public Works)

**ARTICLE 45                      APPROPRIATION / MINUTEMAN REGIONAL VOCATIONAL  
TECHNICAL HIGH SCHOOL AND OUT OF DISTRICT VOCATIONAL  
PLACEMENTS**

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate a sum of money for the purpose of paying the Town's apportioned share of the operating and maintenance costs, including capital costs, tuition, and all of Arlington's other obligations under the Minuteman Regional School District Agreement for the Minuteman Regional Vocational Technical High School, as well as paying the tuition for all other

out of district vocational education placements, determine how the money shall be raised and expended; or take any action related thereto.

(Inserted at the request of Minuteman Regional Vocational School District Committee)

#### **ARTICLE 46                    APPROPRIATION / COMMITTEES AND COMMISSIONS**

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate a sum or sums of money to be expended under the direction of various committees, commissions, and boards of the Town, determine how the money shall be raised; provided that any funds appropriated hereunder shall remain under the jurisdiction of said entities until expended at their direction, unless otherwise appropriated by the Town Meeting; the entities included hereunder, without limitation, are: Arlington Historical Commission, Arlington Recycling Committee, Avon Place Historic District Commission, Beautification Committee, Broadway Historic District Commission, Central Street Historic District Commission, Mt. Gilboa/Crescent Hill Historic District Commission, Jason/Gray Historic District Commission, Pleasant Street Historic District Commission, Russell Historic District Commission, Conservation Commission, Capital Planning Committee, Commission on Disability, Human Resources Board, Public Memorial Committee, Human Rights Commission, Arlington Committee on Tourism and Economic Development, Envision Arlington, Transportation Advisory Committee, Arlington Commission for Arts and Culture, Open Space Committee, and any other Town Committee or Commission; or take any action related thereto.

(Inserted at the request of the Town Manager)

#### **ARTICLE 47                    APPROPRIATION / TOWN CELEBRATIONS AND EVENTS**

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate a sum or sums of money to be expended under the direction of the Town Manager for the following celebrations and memorials, determine how the money shall be raised and expended; or take any action related thereto:

Memorial Day Observation and the Patriots' Day Celebration  
Display of American Flags on Massachusetts Avenue  
Placing of American Flags on the Graves of Veterans  
Town Day Celebration  
Veterans' Day Parade  
250th Anniversary Celebration

(Inserted at the request of the Town Manager)

#### **ARTICLE 48                    APPROPRIATION / MISCELLANEOUS**

To see if the Town will vote the following: Legal Defense – To appropriate a sum of money to replenish the Legal Defense Fund established under Article 13, Section 5 of Title 1 of the Town Bylaws, Indemnification of Medical Costs, to appropriate a sum of money in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 41, Section 100B of the General Laws, to indemnify certain retired Police Officers and Firefighters for all reasonable medical and surgical expenses which they incurred, determine how the money will be raised and expended; or take any action related thereto.

(Inserted at the request of the Town Manager)

#### **ARTICLE 49                    APPROPRIATION / WATER BODIES FUND**

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate a sum of money to the Town's Water Bodies Fund for the maintenance, treatment, and oversight of all the Town's water bodies, said sum to be raised by the general tax and expended under the direction of the Town Manager, who will also report to Town Meeting on the status of the fund; or take any action related thereto.

(Inserted at the request of the Envision Arlington Standing Committee and its Spy Pond and Reservoir Task Groups, and the Arlington Conservation Commission)

**ARTICLE 50                    APPROPRIATION / COMMUNITY PRESERVATION FUND**

To see if the Town will vote to make appropriations from the Community Preservation Fund for eligible community preservation projects; for community preservation reserve accounts for historic preservation, open space and recreation, and affordable housing; for Community Preservation Act Committee administrative expenses or other eligible expenses; or take any action related thereto.

(Inserted at the request of the Community Preservation Act Committee)

**ARTICLE 51                    APPROPRIATION / HARRY BARBER COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAM**

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate a sum of money for the Harry Barber Community Service Program for the Council on Aging, to determine how the money will be raised and expended; or take any action related thereto.

(Inserted at the request of the Council on Aging)

**ARTICLE 52                    APPROPRIATION / PENSION ADJUSTMENT FOR FORMER TWENTY-FIVE YEAR/ ACCIDENTAL DISABILITY EMPLOYEES**

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate a sum of money to implement the provisions of Chapter 32 of Massachusetts General Laws Section 90A, 90C, 90D and 90E, pursuant to which the Town pays up to fifty percent of the maximum salary as set forth in the Compensation and Pay Plan for the position formerly held by retired employees with twenty-five or more years of service to the Town and those employees who retired under an Accidental Disability; provided, however, that no one who retires after May 1, 2010 shall be eligible under this vote unless they qualify for at least a fifty percent pension, without this vote upon their retirement; this adjustment to be paid to those who qualify and administered in accordance with prior practice and understanding relating to the retirement allowance of said retirees; determine how the money shall be raised and expended; or take any action related thereto.

(Inserted at the request of the Contributory Retirement Board)

**ARTICLE 53                    APPROPRIATION / TAKINGS FOR STRATTON SCHOOL SAFE ROUTES**

To see if the Town will vote to act by and through the Select Board to take by eminent domain, purchase, or otherwise acquire outright, or acquire permanent easements upon, portions of land in and around the Stratton Elementary School area for the purpose of placing sidewalks in connection with the Commonwealth's Safe Routes to School program, to appropriate a sum or sums of money for such acquisitions, determine how the money will be raised and expended, including the possibility of borrowing any or all of it; or take action related thereto.

(Inserted at the request of the Director of Planning and Community Development and the Town Manager)

**ARTICLE 54                    APPROPRIATION / PRIVATE WAY REPAIRS REVOLVING FUND**

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate a sum of money into the Private Ways Repairs Revolving Fund; determine how much should be appropriated into such revolving fund; or take any action related thereto.

(Inserted at the request of the Town Manager)

**ARTICLE 55                    APPROPRIATION / MASSACHUSETTS PUBLIC LIBRARY CONSTRUCTION PROGRAM MATCH**

To see if the Town will vote to apply for, accept and expend Massachusetts Public Library Construction Program ("MPLCP") grant funds if approved, and vote to raise and appropriate or take from available funds the sum of \$150,000 if said MPLCP grant is approved, said sum to be expended by the Town for library assessment, planning, feasibility and design; or take any action related thereto.

(Inserted at the request of the Board of Library Trustees and the Library Director)

**ARTICLE 56                    LOCAL OPTION / ACCEPTANCE OF M.G.L. CHAPTER 203C THE PRUDENT INVESTOR RULE**

To see if the Town will vote to accept the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 203C and to authorize the trustee of the town's previously established Trust Funds, as authorized by Chapter 32B, Section 20 G.L. c. 44, § 54 and G.L. c. 44, §§ 55, 55A and 55B of the General Laws, as amended, to invest and reinvest the monies in such fund in accordance with the Prudent Investor Rule established under Chapter 203C of the Massachusetts General Laws; or take any action related thereto.

(Inserted at the request of the Town Manager)

**ARTICLE 57                    APPROPRIATION / MASTER PLAN UPDATE**

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate \$50,000 to update the Master Plan as endorsed by Town Meeting on May 11, 2015; or take any action related thereto.

(Inserted at the request of the Director of Planning and Community Development)

**ARTICLE 58                    LOCAL OPTION TAXES**

To see if the Town will vote to accept any local option taxes or other revenue raising options, which are made available to cities and towns through enactments of the legislature, by state regulation or court action; or take any action related thereto.

(Inserted at the request of the Finance Committee)

**ARTICLE 59                    APPROPRIATION / OTHER POST EMPLOYMENT BENEFITS (OPEB) TRUST FUND**

To see if the Town will vote to accept into the Other Post Employment Benefits (OPEB) Trust Fund, established by Chapter 161 of the Acts of 2005, an appropriation of funds and/or the transfer of additional monies that the Town may deem advisable from other sources in order to administer and fund its OPEB obligations and administrative costs as described in said Chapter 161 of the Acts of 2005; determine how the monies shall be raised and expended; or take any action related thereto.

(Inserted at the request of the Finance Committee)

**ARTICLE 60                    TRANSFER OF FUNDS / CEMETERY**

To see if the Town will vote to transfer a sum of money to the Cemetery Commissioners for the improvement of Town cemeteries, said sum shall be taken from the Mt. Pleasant Cemetery "Sale of Lots and Graves" and/or "Perpetual Care Funds"; or take any action related thereto.

(Inserted at the request of the Finance Committee)

**ARTICLE 61                    APPROPRIATION / OVERLAY RESERVE**

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate a sum of money from previous years overlay reserve surplus accounts, determine to what purpose this appropriation shall be made; or take any action related thereto.

(Inserted at the request of the Finance Committee)

**ARTICLE 62                    APPROPRIATION / LONG TERM STABILIZATION FUND**

To see if the Town will make an appropriation to the Long-Term Stabilization Fund in accordance with the provisions of the General Laws, Chapter 40, Section 5B, as amended, or other appropriate provisions of law, determine how the money shall be raised and expended; or take any action related thereto.

(Inserted at the request of the Finance Committee)

**ARTICLE 63                      USE OF FREE CASH**

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the taking of a sum of money voted for appropriations heretofore made at the Town Meeting under the Warrant and not voted to be borrowed from available funds in the Treasury, and authorize the Assessors to use free cash in the Treasury to that amount in the determination of the tax rate for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2024; or take any action related thereto.

(Inserted at the request of the Finance Committee)

**ARTICLE 64                      APPROPRIATION / FISCAL STABILITY STABILIZATION FUND**

To see if the Town will make an appropriation to or from the Fiscal Stability Stabilization Fund created under Article 65 of the 2005 Annual Town Meeting or any other enabling action of Town Meeting in accordance with the provisions of the General Laws, Chapter 40, Section 5B, as amended, or other appropriate provisions of law, determine how the money shall be raised and expended; or take any action related thereto.

(Inserted at the request of the Finance Committee)

**ARTICLE 65                      COLLECTIVE BARGAINING**

To see if the Town will vote to fund any fiscal items in the event that any are contained in collective bargaining agreements between the Town and the following named collective bargaining units, and to fund for non-union, M Schedule, and elected officials' salaries or fringe benefits, determine how the money shall be raised and expended; or take any action related thereto:

- A. Service Employees International Union;
- B. American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees;
- C. Robbins Library Professional Association;
- D. Arlington Police Patrol Officers' Association;
- E. Arlington Ranking Officers' Association;
- F. Arlington International Association of Firefighters; and
- G. Management and Non-Union Employees
- H. Full-time elected officials

(Inserted at the request of the Town Manager)

**ARTICLE 66                      RESOLUTION / MBTA SERVICE**

To see if the Town will vote to endorse a resolution calling for improvements to service provided to the Town of Arlington by the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority; or take any action related thereto.

(Inserted at the request of Paul Schlichtman and ten registered voters)

.... (SIGNED)  
....A true copy.  
Attest:

(SIGNED)  
ERIC D. HELMUTH  
JOHN V. HURD  
DIANE M. MAHON  
STEPHEN W. DECOURCEY  
LENARD T. DIGGINS

SELECT BOARD  
OF  
THE  
TOWN OF  
ARLINGTON

WAYNE PARSEGHIAN  
CONSTABLE

## HOW TO VOTE BY ABSENTEE BALLOT

### Reasons for voting absentee

You may vote absentee if you are registered and will be unable to vote at the polls on Election Day because of

Absence from the Town  
Physical disability  
Religious beliefs

Illegal absentee voting is punishable by a fine of up to \$10,000 and up to five years in prison.

### Applying for an absentee ballot

You must apply for an absentee ballot from the Town Clerk no later than noon of the day before the election. Applications may be mailed or hand delivered and you may use any form of written communication (letter or postcard) or the official application form.

Include on the application

Your name as registered  
Your registration address  
Precinct, if you know it  
The precise address to which you wish the ballot sent  
Your own signature

### Requesting to vote by mail

A ballot will be sent to any address you specify including your own home. Be sure to apply early because the ballots must be sent by mail and may be returned by mail or hand delivered.

### Requesting to vote in person

If you prefer, you may request to vote in person before Election Day. You may vote at the Town Hall before Election Day at a time arranged with the Clerk, but application for your ballot must be made no later than noon of the day before the election. A voter may apply for an absentee ballot and then vote over-the-counter during the same visit.

### Applying to vote if you are absent from the state, in the armed services or a prisoner

Registered and unregistered residents of Massachusetts outside the state and residents on active duty in the armed forces and merchant marine and their spouses or dependents, and prisoners, may vote absentee. They may request an absentee ballot from the Town where they legally reside (if outside the U.S., where they resided last before leaving). In addition, a close relative may apply on their behalf in person at the Town Clerk's Office.

A parent of a registered voter who is a student at a Massachusetts college or university may apply for an absentee ballot on the student's behalf to the Town Clerk where the student is registered.

In all cases, unregistered voters must register in person when they return to the state, since this does not establish permanent registration.

### **What if I am permanently physically disabled?**

If you are permanently physically disabled and cannot cast your vote at the polling place, you may file a letter from your physician with the Town Clerk, stating that you are permanently unable to cast your vote at the polling place because of physical disability. A completed application for an absentee ballot, for you to sign and return, must be mailed by the Town Clerk to you at least 28 days before every primary and election.

**NOTE:** Voters who are admitted to a health care facility after noon of the fifth day before an election may apply for an absentee ballot up until the polls close on the day of the election (rather than noon the day before the election) and must designate a person to hand deliver and return the absentee ballot.

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